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SUBJ: ATALA STUDENTS DEPART UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

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1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE VANDALISM ARMED STUDENTS OF THE FRENTE DE LUCHA ESTUDIANTIL - ATALA ON MAY 16 QUIETLY GAVE UP UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS THEY HAD OCCUPIED SINCE MAY 13 SHOOT OUT WHICH LEFT ONE STUDENT DEAD AND FOUR WOUNDED. THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLENCE APPARENTLY HAVE DEPARTED CAMPUS AND ARE STILL AT LARGE. THREE STUDENTS ARRESTED LATE MAY 16 HAVE BEEN RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING. POLICE SOURCES CLAIM THEY HAVE MADE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE INVOLVED AND PREDICT ARRESTS IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. EPISODE MAY SEVERELY CURB ACTIVITIES OF ATALA, ARMED STUDENT TERRORIST GROUP WITH MAXIMUM MEMBERSHIP OF FIFTY AND NO DISCERNIBLE IDEOLOGICAL ORIENTATION, THAT HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE AMYHEM ON UNIVERSITY OF GUAYAQUIL CAMPUS FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES HAVE STOOD FIRM BEHIND DECISION TO EXPEL ELEVEN ATALA STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS, INCLUDING ORGANIZATION'S LEADER, WALTER VARGAS GORDILLO WHO HELD POST ON UNIVERSITY FACULTY. ALL STUDENT GROUPS AND PRESS HAVE REPUDIATED ATAL'S VIOLENT ACTIVITIES.

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